

Remarks

Claims 1-20 have been canceled in order to present a new set of claims in condition for allowance. New claims 21-33 are herein submitted for the Examiner's review. New claims 21-33 generally incorporate the subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner. Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

New claims 21-29 are apparatus claims with claim 21 being the independent claim from which claims 22-29 depend. Claim 21 generally incorporates the subject matter of now cancelled claim 9, which was indicated as being allowable by the Examiner. Claims 22-26 generally mirror cancelled claims 2-6. New claims 27-29 also depend from claim 21 and generally incorporate the subject matter in cancelled claims 15, 16 and 18. Accordingly, new apparatus claims 21-29 are in condition for allowance.

New claims 30-33 are method claims with claim 30 as the independent claim from which claims 31-33 depend. New method claim 30 generally incorporates the subject matter of cancelled claims 7 and 9. Claims 31-33 generally mirror cancelled claims 8, 10, and 11. Accordingly, new method claims 30-33 are in condition for allowance.

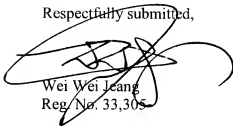
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Conclusion

It is clear from all of the foregoing that new claims 21-33 are in condition for allowance.
An early formal notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

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